

Docket No. 2000-096DIV5
PATENT**2. Conclusion**

The applicant notes that the Office action does not set forth any basis for rejection for any of claims 1-17 other than the double patenting rejections. In view of the Terminal Disclaimer being filed herewith, the applicant therefore believes that all claims are now in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge the fees required in connection with this Reply to Deposit Account No. 50-0496, in accordance with the Transmittal submitted herewith. The Examiner is also authorized to debit any other fees required in connection with this application, or to credit any overpayment of fees in connection with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0496.

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